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Cabell County Young Democrats to host fundraiser

By KATIE WISE
THE PARTHENON

The Cabell County Federation of Young Democrats will be hosting a fundraiser today from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Cabell County Democratic Headquarters on Fourth Avenue.

The event aims to generate funds, which will directly benefit Democratic candidates at the local, state and federal level.

Money raised will help ventures such as providing free transportation to the polls, supporting efforts to register new voters and distributing a mailer to the community describing the strengths of the Democratic candidates.

"The number one priority is renting vans the last two weeks of early vote and on Election Day to take people to the polls," said Patrick Hensley, field director of the West Virginia Democratic Party. "We feel very confident that we can boost turn out by a couple hundred votes just by giving people rides to the polls."

Richard Thompson, West Virginia Speaker of the House, will be the keynote speaker. Other notable speakers include West Virginia Senators Robert H. Plymale and Evan H. Jenkins, as well as West Virginia Delegates Dale Stephens, Doug Reynolds, Jim Morgan and Kevin J. Craig.

The fundraiser will feature door prizes provided



by local businesses, including, Archer's Flowers, The Pita Pit, Jim's Spaghetti, Dan's Sports Shop, Midway and the Union Pub and Grill.

Chris Chiles, vice president of the Cabell County Young Democrat Party, said there will also be some interesting items donated from state politicians.

U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller has donated a personal ornament from his Christmas tree, a signed coffee mug and a tie.

Other prizes include a poster from the state Democratic Party signed by U.S. Senators Jay Rockefeller, Joe Manchin, West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin and Congressman Nick Rahall.

The event is open to the public and complimentary food and beverages will be provided.

"We hope to have a great crowd and we want any Marshall students who want to get involved with young democrats to come down and join us, they don't have to give any money they can just come for the food and drinks," Hensley said.

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Controversy continues over Westmoreland barge facility

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Residents in Westmoreland have been in battle with a local marine company since the early 90s that has stretched over land and water, and is not over anytime soon.

Huntington Marine Services, a company based out of South Point, Ohio, has tried to put a barge fleet

docking facility along the banks of the Ohio River next to the Huntington neighborhood of Westmoreland. The facility would allow a place for coal barges to be parked and cleaned.

People and city council representatives of Westmoreland have been outraged

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The Ohio River is seen from the shore along Westmoreland on Wednesday. Huntington Marine Services, based out of South Point, Ohio, is seeking to put a barge fleet docking facility in the area.

BRANDON HATTON | THE PARTHENON



Marshall University students donate blood to Red Cross

By ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH
THE PARTHENON

An American Red Cross blood drive is taking place on Marshall University's Huntington campus Wednesday and Thursday and encourages residence hall students to get competitive.

The blood drive runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at Marco's in the basement of the Memorial Student Center. The American Red Cross said donating one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

The blood drive is being sponsored by Marshall's Department of Housing and Residence Life.

The residence hall with the largest percentage of donors will win a pizza party.

The ARC encourages students to donate because every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

The American Red Cross supplies 40 percent of the nation's blood supply. Eighty percent of the blood donations given to the Red Cross are collected at mobile blood drives while 20 percent are collected at permanent Red Cross donor centers.

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TOP: Kelsey Fischer, from Huntington, donates blood during an American Red Cross blood drive in the basement of Marshall University's Memorial Student Center on Wednesday.
RIGHT: An American Red Cross truck is parked outside Marshall's Memorial Student Center on Wednesday.

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Two step down after Fast and Furious report release

By RICHARD A. SERRANO
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON
BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON - A gun-trafficking investigation on the Southwest border that went awry was a "significant danger to public safety," according to an independent government report that recommended the Department of Justice consider disciplining 14 officials, from field agents in Arizona to top managers in Washington.

Less than an hour after those findings were announced, two of the officials - Kenneth Melson, the former acting head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Jason M. Weinstein - announced they were stepping down. Others cited included Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer, who runs the Justice

Department criminal division, and Gary Grindler, who was the No. 2 justice official during Fast and Furious.

The report on Operation Fast and Furious and a smaller program called Wide Receiver were announced Wednesday by the Justice Department's Inspector General's office. Fast and Furious allowed more than 2,000 illegally purchased firearms to circulate across the U.S.-Mexico border.

The 18-month investigation also concluded that Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. had no prior knowledge of Fast and Furious. He has long held that position despite intense criticism from Republican lawmakers who voted him in contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over some Justice documents regarding Fast and Furious.

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Religion professor to give da Vinci Lecture Sept. 28

By **SUZANN AL-QAWASMI**
THE PARTHENON

Stephen Prothero, a professor in the Department of Religion at Boston University, will speak at the third annual da Vinci Lecture at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 in Memorial Student Center room BE5.

Prothero will explain the area of research behind his book, “God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World and Why Their Differences Matter.”

The book is centered around the idea that people should recognize the differences and develop an understanding about the distinctions between religions, rather than strive for interreligious unity with the belief that all religions are different paths to the same end.

“His idea is that until we can come to terms with the fundamental differences of these eight rival religions, we are doomed to keep repeating the tragedies

that are happening across the country in the name of religion,” Susan Gilpin, associate dean of the Honors College, said.

The public lecture is one of three events scheduled for the weekend with Prothero. There will be a discussion at 3 p.m. Friday for students interested in his works. Students who wish to attend the afternoon discussion can contact Mary Beth Beller or Clayton McNearney to see what readings they are recommending in preparation for the event. The lecture at 7 p.m. is open to the public and will include a question and answer session.

There will be a luncheon for Prothero and Marshall University faculty at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

“I think Stephen Prothero’s message is important,” Gilpin said. “It is one that is not completely understood, so his lecture should shed some light on the significance of the beliefs



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highlighted in his book.”

The Office of the Provost, Honors College and Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi are sponsoring the event.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following was compiled from Marshall University Police Department reports.

By **BISHOP NASH**
THE PARTHENON

BASKETBALL BRAWL

On Sept. 11 at 8:12 p.m. a fight between two men erupted at the Marshall Recreation Center basketball court. The victim told Marshall University police that the defendant pushed him, struck him on the head, and tried to choke him out on the floor. The defendant was arrested for battery, was taken to Cabell County magistrate court, arraigned and released.

BIKES STOLEN, SUSPECT(S) ON THE RUN

Marshall police reported three incidents of bike theft between 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 and 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. A red and black Mongoose XR100 was taken in front of Prichard Hall, a purple Mongoose with “BMB” carved in the frame from Holderby Hall, and a red and cream bike from in front of Buskirk Hall. Police do not know if these are related and information regarding the thefts can be reported to MUPD.

MARIJUANA FOUND IN TOWERS WEST

Police arrived at Twin Towers West on Monday, Sept. 17 at 6:48 a.m. after reports of possible possession of marijuana. When approaching the room, police detected the strong smell of marijuana and requested entry. The suspect agreed and handed over a bag of marijuana. A citation for possession of marijuana less than 15 grams was issued.

DRUNKEN STUPIDITY

On Saturday, Sept. 15 at 4:34 a.m., MUPD approached a male with a cut on his left hand at the 1800 block of College Avenue. The man fled on foot and was caught near 18th Avenue. According to police reports, the man appeared to be intoxicated and claimed he was in an altercation at The Village on Sixth Avenue. He also claimed the cut was a result of punching through an apartment window. He was lodged in Western Regional Jail and charged of unlawful drinking.



PHOTOS BY MCT DIRECT
MAIN: Students pour in to Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School in Chicago, on Wednesday, which was the first day back to school after the teacher’s strike. INSET: Stephanie Hayes of Ashe Elementary School pumps her fist after the Chicago Teacher’s Union ended its strike and voted on a new contract Tuesday.

Chicago students return to school after strike

By **BILL RUTHHART, JOHN BYRNE and ELLEN JEAN HIRST**
CHICAGO TRIBUNE VIA MCT

CHICAGO - Chicago Public Schools teachers returned to their classrooms Wednesday with pay raises on the horizon after a seven-day strike, but details on how the cash-strapped district would pay for them remained scarce.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said he would not rule out a property tax increase to pay for the double-digit raises laid out

in a tentative agreement with the Chicago Teachers Union, but he chose to focus on unidentified cost-saving measures that he said would pay for the deal.

“We will continue to find savings in the central office, continue to do other things we have to do as a city to bring the budget in line,” Emanuel said.

With CPS estimating it will face a \$1 billion shortfall next year, one of those “other things” almost certainly will be

a plan to close 80 to 120 schools with low enrollment on the city’s South and West sides, sources have told the Chicago Tribune.

Emanuel also had no desire to address that topic Wednesday.

“I can’t sit here and say within the first five minutes of this contract being negotiated that I can tell you exactly what’s going to happen four or five

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Campus ministry offers receptive environment for Marshall students

By **SAMUEL SPECIALE**
THE PARTHENON

Love is in the air at Marshall University as a campus ministry is teaching the importance of loving others and serving God.

People Reaching Out With Love is a campus ministry that meets at 9:15 p.m. Tuesdays in the Campus Christian Center.

“If you are looking for a sense of direction but don’t want a set of directions, then PROWL might be the campus ministry for you,” Rev. Dana Sutton, the director of PROWL said.

Sutton said PROWL is a welcoming, thinking, caring and open-minded campus ministry.

“Everyone is welcome, questions



and doubts are welcome,” Sutton said.

Sutton said the openness of

PROWL is what attracts the students who attend each week.

“We think and talk about faith, God, our doubts and beliefs,” Sutton said. “We support each other as a group through Bible study and non-traditional forms of worship, and we support others by doing mission trips and local mission projects.”

Sutton said the group gathers each week and enjoys food and fellowship.

“We meet for a program, prayer, food and fellowship each Tuesday and we invite new students to join us for fun and fellowship,” Sutton said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The United Way River Cities has partnered with the Pottery Place to sell ceramic footballs for purchase and paint.

United Way prepares to debut ceramic footballs for fundraiser

By **TYRELL CARLTON**
THE PARTHENON

United Way River Cities has teamed up with Pottery Place to sell limited edition footballs for purchase and paint at The Pottery Place.

The Pottery Place, located on Fourth Avenue, will sell the footballs with the words “Go Herd 2012” on them.

“This is the only fundraising outside of our general campaign that they are going to be doing during the fall,” Scott Neill, director of resource development of United Way River Cities, said. “We took it from there, presented it to Marshall and went through the proper channels, the branding agent, the branding department, the athletic department and everything else.”

Neill said fifty footballs with the trademark phrase will be sold and one special football will be auctioned off.

“We are doing something special to tie-in with Marshall Football,” Neill said. “We will do one special football that The Pottery



Place will paint, and the football will be signed by the 2012 Marshall football team.”

The footballs will be sold from October to the end of November.

Neill said if the fundraiser goes well this year, the United Way river Cities and Pottery Place will do one next year with a different ceramic design.

“You never know when the next Troy Brown or Chad Pennington will be on the team, so the footballs can be a very valuable collector item,” Neill said.

“I’m very excited, it’s a great opportunity to offer something new and creative and to serve a good cause,”

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SPORTS

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Shuler making splash in Herd receiving core

By ADAM ROGERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomores Rakeem Cato and Tommy Shuler have been hooking up on the football field since the two played at Miami Central High School, so it should be no surprise the two connected 13 times for 121 yards last Saturday against the Ohio Bobcats.

It almost appeared as if the two were back in Rockets jerseys.

"It just felt great, it felt like we were back in high school," Shuler said. "It felt great for me to just go out there and play."

Those numbers set career highs for Shuler and helped Cato break some school records.

The Bobcat defense was so worried about the deep threats of Aaron Dobson and Antavious Wilson, which allowed Shuler to find open spacing.

"I was just finding the holes and he was hitting me," Shuler said. "I just feel all the overtime we put in before and after practice and in



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offseason paid off."

Shuler currently has 24 grabs for 247 yards through three games after having 122 yards on 14 catches in 10 games last season.

With his performance against Ohio on Saturday, Shuler moved into a tie with his teammate Dobson for tops in Conference USA in receptions and sixth in the conference for yards.

On top of Shuler being able to haul in the football exceedingly well, he can also get down field and make a block.

The Miami native paved lanes for his teammates on



TYLER KES | THE PARTHENON

Sophomore receiver Tommy Shuler fights for extra yards after catching a pass from sophomore quarterback Rakeem Cato in Marshall's 27-24 loss to Ohio University at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday.

the outside against Western Carolina in the Herd's home opener.

"He was big and he had a couple of big blocks," Dobson said following the Herd's

52-24 win over Western Carolina. "He's had a couple of good blocks. That's just how our receiver core is, we just take pride in blocking."

Marshall might need Cato

and Shuler to continue their connection with a road trip to Houston up next for its fourth ever meeting with Rice.

The Thundering Herd has never won in the state

of Texas, but is undefeated against teams from the state of Texas.

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Giants' defense ready for Cam Newton's first prime-time game

By TOM ROCK
NEWSDAY (MCT)

Perry Fewell had only a glimpse of Cam Newton but knew right away that he was seeing a star.

"We played him in our first preseason game last year," the Giants' defensive coordinator said. "After that game I said he was a franchise quarterback ... I felt like this guy has a lot of poise. Just with some experience and some time, he's going to be a really nice player."

That time didn't take long as Newton had one of the most prolific first seasons in NFL history. He set rookie records with 35 touchdowns (21 passing, 14 rushing) and 4,051 passing yards. He became a fan favorite, a fantasy stalwart

and one of the most recognizable figures in the league.

But one thing he hasn't done yet is perform on the league's biggest regular-season stages. That begins on Thursday night.

Newton will play in his first NFL prime-time game, making his debut in front of a national audience consisting of many who have seen his exploits in highlight form but have had rare opportunities to watch an entire game. And he'll be doing it against a team that is used to playing under the brightest of lights, the Super Bowl champion Giants.

His reaction to the exposure? Big whoop.

"It's no different, man," Newton said this week. "You don't just get up for some

games, get up for most games. Every week is a must-win that we have to have and we have to set (as a goal) for ourselves. You do not do things just because you feel as if you could lose this week. How does that sound?"

Like someone who's been in big spots before. And thrived in them.

Sure, all of his NFL starts have come during daylight hours _ 15 of the Panthers' 16 games in 2011 were 1 o'clock kickoffs _ but Newton was also the quarterback for Auburn's national championship team a little less than two years ago.

Newton was impressive as a rookie, but Panthers coach Ron Rivera said he's become better as a second-year player.

"I think his overall game has improved," Rivera said. "You go back and look at where he started from, and the rawness of his abilities, and you see that his base fundamentals have gotten better. His footwork, his posture, his throwing mechanics have really improved ... He really has taken steps forward in an overall sense."

The Giants may have had a short week to prepare for Newton and the Panthers, but they saw enough.

"He's a phenomenal athlete," safety Antrel Rolle said. "He's a great kid, and he'll present different challenges for us. We have to get our motors running. It's going to be a long game, a long 60 minutes."

Boise State's offensive surge helps team identity

By CHADD CRIPE

THE IDAHO STATESMAN (MCT)

BOISE, Idaho _ Boise State junior tight end Gabe Linehan said Tuesday that the Broncos' offensive performance last week against Miami (Ohio) was a needed confidence booster going into Thursday's showdown with BYU.

"It meant a lot," Linehan said. "It meant a lot for our egos. It meant a lot for really our identity going into this next game, which is a big game. We definitely needed that."

Boise State's tight ends haven't been a major factor in the pass game yet. They have combined for four catches for 56 yards and no touchdowns. Holden Huff could have had a TD last week, but quarterback Joe Southwick misfired under pressure.

"It is kind of fluky," Linehan said. "We have the pass plays there. Our game plan is loaded with good tight end plays that really can outmatch the defense. They'll come when they come. That's what I've kind of learned. We'll all get our balls and we're going to have success and we have the right guys to do it. It's just a matter of time."



Redshirt freshman defensive end Sam Ukwuachu said his first college game "was definitely a shock," but he's getting comfortable.

"I feel like I've been playing well speed-wise, getting the offensive tackle off-balance and using what I've got to my advantage," he said.

One of the biggest lessons, he said: handling adversity.

"Everything is not going to go like you want it to be," he said. "You've just got to keep fighting. It's going to be a dogfight."

The defensive line has played well so far this year. Sophomore end Demarcus Lawrence leads

the team with 16 tackles and 2.5 sacks, senior tackle Mike Atkinson is fourth with 12 tackles and the group has all four of the Broncos' sacks.

"We're young, but we can rush the passer," said Ukwuachu, who has three tackles and helped create the pick six at Michigan State by pressuring the quarterback. "If we can do one thing, it's that. We just have to keep working on stopping the run. I feel like we're talented. If we keep working on the details and techniques, we'll be pretty good."

Said middle linebacker Tommy Smith: "They're just

physical, and that's one thing we need from the front."

Sophomore wide receiver Matt Miller lowered his shoulder and smashed into a tackler on a 13-yard catch immediately after Boise State fell behind 9-8 in the second quarter last week.

Six plays later, the Broncos scored the first of four consecutive touchdowns.

"I wouldn't say frustrated," he said of his mindset. "We kind of needed a little spark. I figured that was a good opportunity to get the offense going."

Miller said the bye week was a big help for the Broncos' offense, which nearly tripled its output from game one to game two.

"We kind of got some things ironed out on the offensive side of the ball," Miller said. "Being able to run the ball really opened up the playbook for us." Boise State players and coaches all have talked about the physicality of BYU.

"You can tell that they really have a passion for their play, which is consistent over the years with BYU," Linehan said. "They just bring it. They're aggressive. They're really playing hard."

Rahal making a name for herself

By LAKE MOREHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

Florida native Dorothy Rahal was awarded Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week on Monday.

In indoor volleyball, the libero is an important position. In layman's terms, it means defensive specialist. To pronounce the term correctly, stress the "lee" sound. To play the position correctly, learn from junior Dorothy Rahal.

Rahal and the Thundering Herd had quite the weekend. After enduring a four-game losing skid, Marshall has won eight matches in a row. This past weekend, the Herd was crowned champion of the East Carolina Pirate Invitational, while Rahal claimed MVP honors.

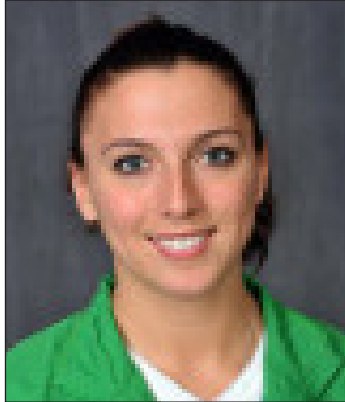
To add to Rahal's weekend, she was awarded Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, making her the first Marshall player ever to earn the award since the Herd joined the conference. She averaged 5.93 digs per set during the week, besting all conference defenders.

"Records come and go, but that's something that can never be taken away from me," Rahal said.

To make the award even more memorable, she was named defensive player of the week the day that her father would have turned 60 years old. Dorothy's father passed away when she was two, but she said that his presence is still very much a part of her.

"I know he's always proud of me," Rahal said. "But when I won these awards, I know that he was smiling down and saying, 'that's my baby girl!'"

The Herd's resurgence has not gone unnoticed. Marshall is now 11-4 on the season, and look to be catching fire just in time for conference play. Rahal said this new look for the



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Herd is no coincidence.

"There was a turning point in one of our last home games where Coach Jacobs told us that we just had to figure it out," Rahal said. "I think that's when we really turned it on and starting playing for the name of the school on our jersey."

Rahal said she is starting to feel good about her play on the court.

"The spikes and assists have to come from somewhere," Rahal said. "You know that you are doing your job when you become unnoticed. I finally feel like I am starting to create my own legacy."

The Venice, Fla. native said she truly possesses a love for the game and never wants to forget why she began playing it. She said she constantly refers to a popular quote from former U.S. women's soccer star Mia Hamm: "Somewhere behind the athlete you've become, the hours of practice, and the coaches who have pushed you, is a little girl who fell in love with the game and never looked back...play for her."

Rahal has always played for her father, and now she's learning to play for herself.

The Herd begins conference play on the road Friday, Sept. 21, against Tulsa at 8 p.m.

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ONLINE POLLS

What new television show are you looking forward to the most?

- The Last Resort
- Elementary
- The Mindy Project
- Revolution
- Other

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Do you think that the Republican and Democratic National Conventions are a waste of money?

- Yes 58% - 32 votes
- No 40% - 22 votes
- Undecided 2% - 1 vote

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Editorial

Union a disadvantage to students, caring teachers

Chicago schools reopened yesterday as teachers finally put down their signs and went back to actually teaching their students.

Does that sound mean? Teachers are, in many ways, the backbone of America so you would think it would be wrong to say anything against them.

Perhaps it is.

So how about we talk about the unions.

Did anyone see the documentary, "Waiting For Superman?" The film focuses on the injustices of the American education system with emphasis on poor teachers and unions that coddle them.

One part of the film shows teachers in New York City who have been taken out of their classroom because they are terrible at their jobs, yet still collect paychecks. The city is forced to provide space for these teachers to be during the day and pay them, even though they are not teaching. This goes on for years in many cases.

Why? Unions.

Unions are designed to protect workers from unfair wages,

hours and other work related issues. What they are not designed to do is deny children an education – yet that happens all too often.

Teaching is one of the most important professions. Preparing future generations to be productive members of society should be something respected above almost anything else.

But the protection of lazy, stupid "teachers" by unions has hurt the profession and is one of the main reasons teaching has fallen into such disfavor in our country.

What the teacher's unions should do is kick out those unworthy of being in the same room as America's youth, and put their support behind the teachers who actually care about educating children.

At times it is difficult to decide who the bigger victim is – the children or the teachers who actually care but are practically forced to join unions that don't really care about education.

In the end the true victims are the children, but the good, caring teachers are definitely a close second.

Column

Not such a stretch that Libya attacks were premeditated

By DANNY HUIZINGA
BAYLOR U. VIA UWIRE

It seems as if the world is talking about the violence and protests in the Middle East. With so much news flying around, it can be difficult to make sense of what is going on.

The protests in Libya received the most initial focus, due to the tragic deaths of four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens. The cause for this attack was first attributed to an offensive anti-Islamic video that had been posted on YouTube. However, reports have recently surfaced that suggest otherwise.

The assault was not a chaotic protest gone wild. At some point, there was a small group of armed men who broke into the consulate compound and used rocket-propelled grenades to set the building on fire. Although Ambassador Stevens may not have been the target, several important documents with confidential information were taken from the embassy prior to the fire.

Multiple U.S. and Libyan officials believe the attack was planned in advance. "I don't want to talk about what happened in other countries but as for Libya, the operation was meticulously executed... There was planning. It was not a peaceful protest which degenerated into an armed attack or aggression. That's how it was planned," Mohammed al-Megaryef, Libya's assembly chief, said.

Libyan President Muhammad Yousef el-Magariaf also made statements supporting the idea that the protest was premeditated.

"It was planned, definitely, it was planned by foreigners, by people who entered the country a few months ago, and they were planning this criminal act since their arrival," he said.

Al-Qaida leaders have stated their support. Prior to the attack, al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri also issued videos commanding followers to "fight and kill the crusaders." It seems rather ironic that the attack on the embassy in Libya coincided with the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Susan Rice, the US Ambassador to the United Nations, directly contradicted those statements, still claiming the attack was a result of a protest against the video that began in Egypt.

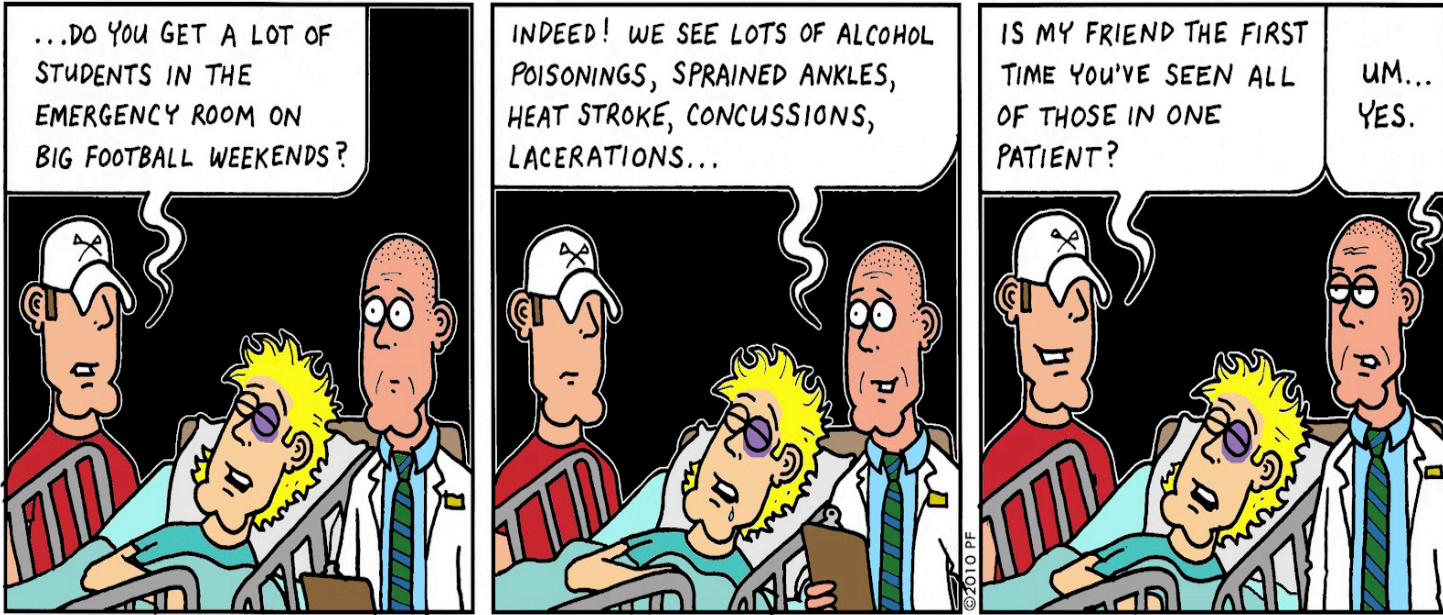
"We believe that folks in Benghazi, a small number of people came to the embassy to – or to the consulate, rather, to replicate the sort of challenge that was posed in Cairo. And then as that unfolded, it seems to have been hijacked, let us say, by some individual clusters of extremists who came with heavier weapons... And it then evolved from there," she said.

It is worth remembering that both sides have incentives to exaggerate. The Libyan officials obviously want to spin the attack as coming from "foreigners" to avoid blame. On the other hand, Ambassador Rice wants to make the attack seem unforeseeable. What is clear is that the "challenge" in Cairo that Ambassador Rice speaks of was violent, contrary to a previous quote by Lariat reporter Jessica Chia,

"Protesters in Egypt responded to the film nonviolently, by removing the U.S. flag from the embassy in Cairo."

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Column

Last leg of campaign could decide election

By SAM DULIK
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"It's over for Mitt Romney."

If you paid any attention to the news this past week, that was the refrain bandied across cable channels and the front pages of newspapers. According to conventional wisdom, a post-convention bounce for the Democrats and a series of unfortunate events for the Romney campaign have permanently hindered Republican aspirations – remaining month and a half of the campaign be damned.

I frequently argue that Romney should be the next president of the United States, and today I want to push back on this group-think to submit that he very much still can. A regrettable characteristic of today's media is journalistic interdependence, in which a provocative theme is adopted and promoted across media outlets without real scrutiny or debate. Campaigns are kinetic and fickle beasts that rarely obey such prognostication. Were they not, Jimmy Carter would have been re-elected in 1980, and Michael Dukakis would have been victorious in a 1988 landslide — such were

the prevailing narratives in media res.

Unfortunately, politics is more complex. The outcome of an election can be predicted by the impact of various factors, either institutional — primaries, platforms, conventions and debates — or organic — bombshell stories, national economic performance and unforeseen crises.

Organic factors inherently cannot be predicted. Therefore, the remaining month and a half of the campaign offers opportunity aplenty for unplanned events to shape this race. Further erosion of the jobs market, instability in the Middle East or a late-breaking piece of muckraking journalism could potentially recalibrate the nature of this campaign as it enters its final stretch.

Institutional factors are easier to evaluate. Indeed, many of them have already revealed themselves. The vim of the conventions has dissipated, the tickets are locked down and competing policy proposals are increasingly stark.

However, not enough of these institutional factors have come to fruition for it to be appropriate to declare a winner in this unstable

and permanently tight race. The four national debates — three between Gov. Romney and President Obama and one between Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Vice President Joe Biden — loom largest on this list. Americans will have a spectacular opportunity to contrast the candidates as they stand side by side and make their case to their potential employers — the American public.

I personally believe that the Republican ticket will perform exceptionally well in these forums. Romney and Ryan are both slightly nerdy policy wonks who can speak with passion and fluency on economic affairs. Provided they channel the urgency felt by so many tired and anxious Americans, I expect them to be able to ardently prosecute the Obama presidency.

Those who would wring their hands over an impending Romney defeat or preemptively celebrate an Obama reelection make one massive error: They would have you believe that voter attention to the campaign is a constant value, unchanging from the Iowa caucuses to Election Day. While for many, this type of hyper-engaged democracy is wishful thinking, it is not reflective

of America's political reality.

Instead, for the vast majority of voters, especially those critical undecideds, focus on the presidential race can be plotted exponentially over time. Come October, many will be just beginning to tune into campaign coverage and the debates. A daunting mass of voters will make up their minds only days, or even hours, before they enter their polling booths on Nov. 6.

The argument that Obama has this race in the bag is intellectually dishonest, since we simply have not met enough institutional benchmarks to arrive at a conclusion about the outcome of the election. The remaining undefined variables in this race are staggering, and I believe they contain glimmers of hope for the Republicans.

The Romney campaign continues to hold more cash on hand than Obama's, and it will deploy its funds expertly in both advertisements and get-out-the-vote operations. Coupled with the overwhelming upper hand that Republican outside groups wield over the Democrats, this imbalance has the potential to swing the race hard to Romney in the campaign's last month.

Republicans shelve Obama’s Veterans Jobs Corps proposal

By **LISA MASCARO**
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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama’s proposal to create a Veterans Jobs Corps to stem high unemployment among recent military veterans was shelved Wednesday after Republicans in the Senate balked over the five-year, \$1 billion cost, giving both sides fresh ammunition for the November election.

The measure had been on Obama’s to-do list for Congress, a modest set of initiatives aimed at boosting the nation’s sluggish economy that Republicans have largely rejected. The jobs bill would have hired veterans who

served in the military since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to work on federal public lands projects, and would have established a network of job training centers.

The jobless rate among those veterans was 10.9 percent in August, compared to a 8.1 percent in the broader population.

Republicans objected to the projected price tag of the jobs bill as well as the administration’s plan to pay for it by imposing penalties on Medicare providers and suppliers who are delinquent on taxes, and by collecting back taxes from others.

“No veteran who fought for our nation should have to fight

for a job at home, but Republicans in Washington are blocking a common-sense plan to create the Veterans Jobs Corps and put tens of thousands of veterans back to work,” White House press secretary Jay Carney said in a statement.

The proposal was among a series of Democratic and Republican measures in both the House and Senate this week that are expected to gain little traction as Congress wraps up its work so members can campaign full time for the November election.

In the House, Republicans are working on legislation that would roll back federal regulations on coal mining and amend the

administration’s new welfare-to-work requirements. Both measures are expected to stall in the Senate.

Control of Congress will be determined by the elections this fall, and Republicans are trying to preserve their majority in the House, where Democrats hope to flip 25 seats to tilt the balance, while Democrats are struggling to keep their narrow control of the Senate.

The one bill likely to clear both chambers before Congress adjourns is legislation to keep the government funded into next year, averting the threat of a government shutdown on Oct. 1, the start of the next fiscal year.

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The report marks the end of the last formal investigation into the long-running controversy. Though it likely will continue to pop up in court skirmishes over the Holder contempt citations as well as in campaign ads, it appears to put to bed the central Republican allegation that Holder and the Obama White House were involved.

The inspector general determined that ATF agents and federal prosecutors had enough evidence to arrest and charge Jaime Avila, a Phoenix gun smuggler, months before U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry was killed in December 2010. Two of the weapons Avila illegally purchased were recovered at the murder scene.

Fast and Furious, said Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz, was implemented by ATF and the U.S. attorney’s office “without adequate regard for the risk it posed to public safety in the United States and Mexico.” He said that while officials hoped to track the weapons to Mexican drug cartel leaders, it was nonetheless a “risky strategy without adequately taking into account the significant danger to public safety that it created.”

Holder said the job performances of the dozen cited in the report and still employed at the ATF and the Justice Department will be reviewed

with the “consideration of potential personnel actions.” He declined to elaborate, citing privacy restrictions.

The attorney general also fired back at what he said were “unsubstantiated conclusions” by Republican lawmakers and other conservatives who have alleged that Holder and possibly some White House officials not only were aware of the unorthodox tactics but condoned them.

“It is unfortunate that some were so quick to make baseless accusations before they possessed the facts about these operations _ accusations that turned out to be without foundation and that have caused a great deal of unnecessary harm and confusion,” Holder said.

But House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., said the report “confirms findings by Congress’ investigation of a near total disregard for public safety in Operation Fast and Furious.”

He said the investigation found there were “red flags showing reckless tactics and faults Attorney General Eric Holder’s inner circle for their conduct.”

Fast and Furious was born in the fall of 2009 in the Phoenix field office of the ATF and the U.S. attorney’s office there. It was similar to Operation Wide Receiver, which began during George W. Bush’s presidency and was smaller, involving only 400 firearms.

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outraged at the proposed facility, they said coal dust would pollute their homes, the barges would erode the riverbank, and are concerned about ambient light at night and excess noise from the barges clanging together.

Janet Sumpter, Westmoreland resident, has lived along the floodwall next to the river for decades and said the proposed facility would devastate her neighborhood.

“I just don’t think it’s a good idea at all,” Sumpter said. “It certainly isn’t very considerate of the people who live here.”

Sumpter said if the facility were built she would move, but is concerned over the value of her riverfront property.

“Who would buy my house?” Sumpter said. “If I wanted to move, who would buy my home?”

Huntington Marine Services has been fighting the Westmoreland community since 1994. In July 2012, the Army Corps of Engineers awarded a building permit

to the company, but a 2006 court decision ruled, it’s up to Huntington city council because Westmoreland is zoned as residential, and would need to be rezoned as industrial before the barge facility could be built.

Council woman Joyce Clark, district one, said she vowels to block the barges.

“Westmoreland is a residential area,” Clark said. “Always has been.”

Clark said currently, she has the political support from other council members to overturn the rezoning vote.

“We would need six votes,” Clark said. “We have secured about eight or nine.”

City council will vote once Huntington Marine Services submits an application for rezoning. Clark said she is worried about losing support if council members lose their seat in the general election.

“We have an election in November,” Clark said. “There are eight seats that could change.”

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Laya Hutchison, president of The Pottery Place, said.

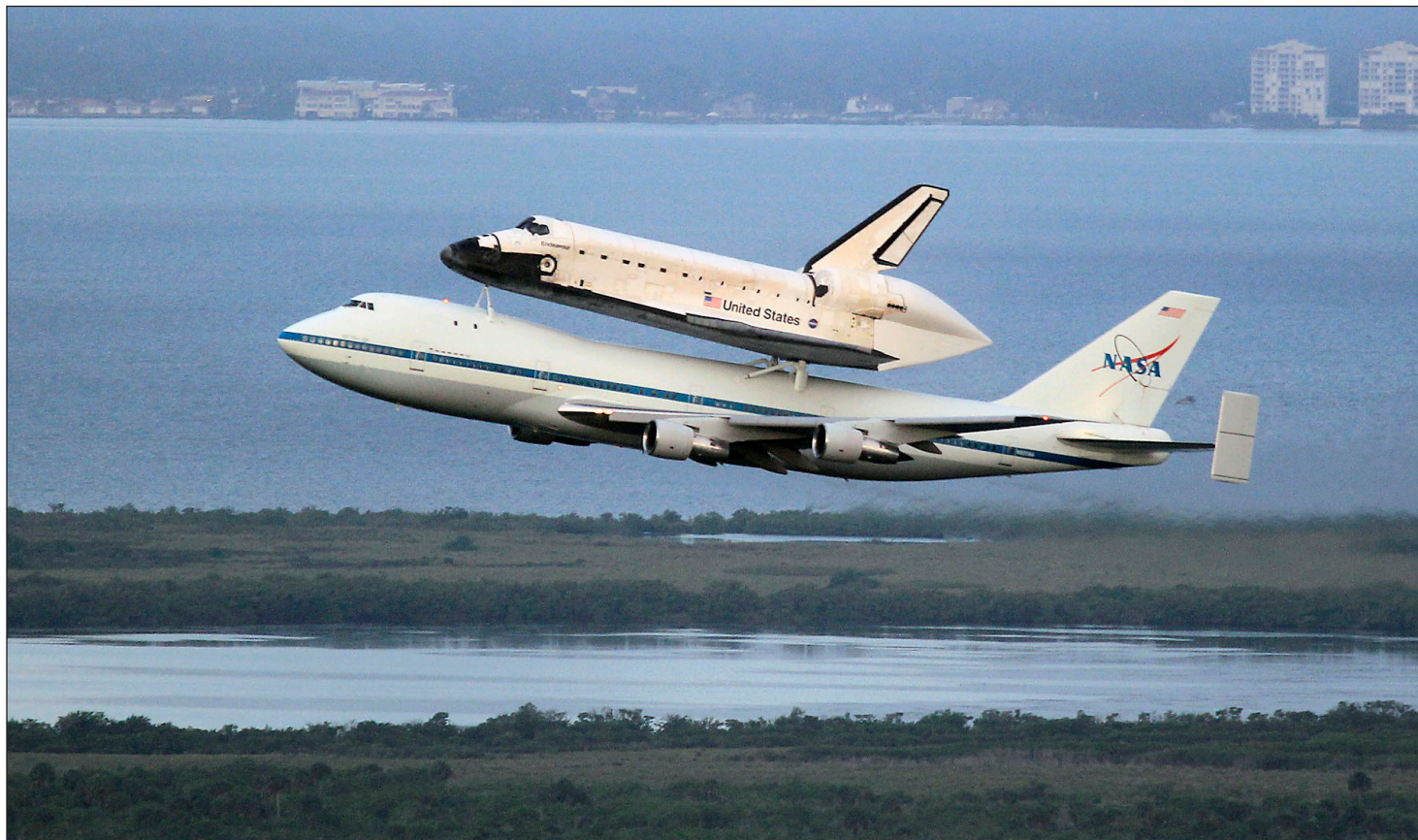
“It’s a great opportunity that the community can participate in.”

Neill said the footballs will be available by Oct. 8, and there will be a website

to accompany the sale in the next few weeks.

United Way is a leadership and support non-profit organization that was created to better the community through activities that include community service and fundraising.

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Perched atop a modified Boeing 747, space shuttle Endeavour departed Kennedy Space Center in Florida, on Wednesday en route to Houston, the first leg of a two-day trek to California.

Endeavour departs Florida for Los Angeles

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LOS ANGELES - At long last, space shuttle Endeavour is headed home.

Perched atop a modified Boeing 747, the retired orbiter departed Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 4:22 a.m. EDT Wednesday en route to Houston, the first leg of a two-day trek to California.

The threat of thunderstorms twice pushed back the shuttle’s original departure date of Monday. But despite the delay, NASA officials said Endeavour’s cross-country farewell tour would proceed as planned.

It includes a series of 1,500-foot flyovers above several NASA sites across the southern United States, including Florida’s Space Coast, Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, Miss., and the Michoud Assembly Facility in New

Orleans. The shuttle will glide over Houston, Clear Lake and Galveston in Texas before landing at Ellington Field near NASA’s Johnson Space Center, where it will spend Wednesday night.

On Thursday, the 747 will refuel at El Paso’s Biggs Army Airfield before heading to Edwards Air Force Base in California, where it will be housed overnight.

The shuttle will depart the Mojave Desert base about 7:15 a.m. Friday and will fly low over Palmdale, Lancaster, Rosamond and Mojave before heading north to Sacramento, NASA officials said.

There, Endeavour will fly over the Capitol and turn to San Francisco, where those hoping to catch a glimpse of the shuttle are advised to watch from one of several Bay Area museums, including the Chabot Space and Science

Center, the Exploratorium, the Bay Area Discovery Museum, the Lawrence Hall of Science and the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Once the shuttle reaches the Los Angeles area about 10:30 a.m., the orbiter will be carried over landmarks including the Getty Center, the Griffith Observatory, Malibu and Disneyland before landing at Los Angeles International Airport. It will also fly over the California Science Center in Exposition Park, its new permanent home.

But Endeavour’s journey won’t end Friday. The shuttle will be housed at a United Airlines hangar until Oct. 12, when it will begin a two-day celebratory trek through the city’s streets to the museum’s new Samuel Oschin display pavilion. The exhibit will open to the public Oct. 30.

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months from now,” Emanuel said while speaking to reporters at Chopin Elementary School in Humboldt Park.

“Look, we have work to do, as we’re every day restructuring, making reforms. We’re looking at everything fresh.”

The mayor wasn’t the only one not offering details on the day teachers returned to work.

Both CPS and the union declined to release copies of the contract that teachers will vote on, though both have released summaries of major provisions.

CPS officials said they still were proofreading and fine-tuning the document, adding that they hoped to have it completed by late this week

or early next week.

Bob Bruno, a professor at the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois, said it’s not unusual for an employer and union to decline to release a complete copy of a tentative contract to avoid allowing public pressure or media coverage to jeopardize approval of the deal.

“Those kinds of pressures can pollute or distort things,” Bruno said. “You do want people to have a period of quiet time to reflect, put aside emotions and biases, and consider the document.”

Teachers will formally vote in the coming weeks on the three-year contract proposal, which includes an option that both sides would have to agree to for a fourth year.

That, however, was not

on the mind of Kerrie Badalucco, who teaches fifth- through eighth-grade science at Lakeview’s Hamilton Elementary School.

“Today felt like the first day of school again _ a day to start fresh,” Badalucco said, adding that she and other teachers at Hamilton made sure to address the strike Wednesday and let students ask questions.

“Before we went on

strike, I talked to my students about making sure to watch the news and look at the issue from all points of view,” Badalucco said. “Today we told them, ‘We missed you, but we were fighting for what we thought was right. We hope you understand we had to do this.’”

Parents were busy getting their children back into their routines.

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John Legend to bring soul to Huntington

By JO TROLLER
THE PARTHENON

Nine-time Grammy award winning artist, John Legend will be showcasing his talents, knowledge and ideas at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Legend will perform several selections of his music while talking to the audience about his thoughts on social justice and poverty.

“John Legend is a speaker that serves our mission of entertainment and the Marshall Artists Series mission of education,” Christina Caul-Jackson, Marshall University’s College Activities Board coordinator of student involvement, said.

Legend has multiple achievements

under his belt including: nine Grammy awards, two NAACP Image awards and was named one of Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People. Legend has collaborated with multiple artists including Kanye West, The Roots, Jay-Z, Lauren Hill, Alicia Keys and The Black-Eyed Peas. Legend also is an artist right in the College Activities Board’s price range.

Marshall University students are already anticipating Legend’s performance to be a success.

“His music is powerful and I think his performance is going to be one that will definitely be worth seeing,” Casey Fitzwater, junior music performance major, said.

Fitzwater said he looks forward to more than the music, but what Legend

has to say about current issues.

“He is a music artist who has done more than make music,” Fitzwater said. “Legend has changed the world and lives of the people around him.”

Legend’s credentials don’t end at his awards or his music background. Legend also has launched the “Show Me Campaign” a non-profit organization that fights poverty around the world.

Legend’s performance will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets can still be acquired at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center box office.

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The view from the newly remodeled John Marshall Room Restaurant in the Memorial Student Center.

Memorial Student Center restaurant remodeled over summer

By EVAN FOWLER
THE PARTHENON

The John Marshall Room Restaurant was remodeled this summer and is operating for daily lunch specials and bookings for faculty, staff and students.

“With a renewed contract, investment money was set aside for upgrading different locations on campus,” Cheryl King, General Manager of Sodexo food services, said. “John Marshall was one of those locations slated for a remodel. We had the chance this summer with funding and such to be able to complete this room so we took advantage of the opportunity.”

King said that the process took about three months from start to finish. She said the process included everything from initial drawings, reviewing samples, coordinating the changes and preparing for equipment needs for the remodel.

The John Marshall Restaurant is an

all-you-can-eat buffet style restaurant that is mostly self-serve. Several food options are provided daily including soups, salad, meats, as well as vegetarian options and sides. The staff of the restaurant provides basic waiting-services including drinks and plate removal.

Students who take advantage of the restaurant said the atmosphere is an enjoyable and a nice change from the other options available on campus.

“The quaintness of the John Marshall Restaurant is a nice change since it lacks the overwhelming and overcrowded feeling of the other dining halls on campus,” Kayla DeMaria, a junior economics major, said. “You can sit down with friends and talk without feeling like you have to yell across the table because people are being ostentatious and obnoxious at the table next to you.”

The John Marshall Restaurant is located on the second floor of the

Memorial Student Center and is available for student lunch dining, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A menu for the week can be found on the Marshall website as well as outside of the restaurant’s entrance.

King said students can use several forms of payment including credit cards, flex dollars, herd points and cash. The only form of payment not accepted in the John Marshall Restaurant is meal-plan equivalency. She said she encourages students to experience the restaurant at least once because she thinks they may enjoy what they discover.

“I think they really need to stop by one day and check out our best-kept secret here on campus,” King said. “It has an absolutely beautiful view of campus and it’s the place to be if you want a nice quiet lunch.”

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Marshall vs. Rice event set for Saturday

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THE PARTHENON

Students looking for a place to watch the Marshall University Thundering Herd take on the Rice Owls Saturday will be able to with a large group of students thanks to the Campus Activities Board.

“I would highly encourage students to get involved,” Christina Caul-Jackson, coordinator for student involvement, said. “So that they aren’t homesick and they don’t go home

on the weekends.”

Students can watch the 3:30 p.m. game in the Memorial Student Center Lobby.

The event will feature giveaways and prizes, as well as free food.

“We are really wanting the students to participate this year,” Caul-Jackson said.

Students are encouraged to wear their favorite Marshall University game day apparel.

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Herd
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Owls
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Last season premiere of ‘The Office’ airs Thursday

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WHAT IT’S ABOUT: Summer’s over and the employees of Dunder Mifflin are back from whatever it was they did the past few months _ besides work. Kevin (Brian Baumgartner) ran over a turtle in the parking lot; Dwight (Rainn Wilson) made a new type of juice from beet runoff; Pam (Jenna Fischer) and Jim (John Krasinski) have their new bundle of joy; Kelly Kapoor (Mindy Kaling) is heading to Miami, but not in Florida; and Andy (Ed Helms) was shipped off to Outward Bound by new company owner David Wallace (Andy Buckley) so he could pick up some management skills. Meanwhile, two new

guys have joined the company. Nick-named the New Jim (Jake Lacy) and Dwight Jr. (Clark Duke), their youthful enthusiasm reminds everyone of their namesakes ... who are at first enthusiastic, then ambivalent about them.

MY SAY: Early in the episode, Pam directly addresses the camera crew. She says something to the effect _ don’t you have enough already? Funny line _ to which a crewman responds, we just want to see how everyone ends up.

There’s something both sad and absurd about that because most everyone here _ Michael (Steve Carell) excepted _ pretty much completed their life journey before the first season. They are all glorious characters preserved in amber _

the cramped space of Dunder’s Scranton outpost. These past eight seasons have merely offered variations on their tics.

But Thursday night’s episode promises that the ninth and final season actually may offer completion. Those new guys are the clue _ so young, fresh-faced and not entirely guileless, they are flashbacks to a younger Jim and Dwight. That fills the older characters with remorse and self-awareness. Maybe it is time to change. (But will they?) Or will Andy ever learn how to be a boss, or Creed (Creed Bratton) ever figure out exactly what product he sells? Who knows, but Thursday night promises we’ll get considerable pleasure in finding out.